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Application of: Rice et al.

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For: HCV VARIANTS

Examiner: Brumback, B.

Group Art Unit 1642

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Amendment in the above-identified application.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDED FEE
TOTAL	42	85	0	\$18.00	\$.00
INDEP.	1	3	0	\$84.00	\$.00
TOTAL FEES FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$.00

A petition for a month extension of time is enclosed.

If an extension or an additional extension of time is required, but is not enclosed, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and charge Deposit Account 18-1829 accordingly.

A check in the amount of is attached.

No additional fee is required.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 18-1829. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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